Welcome to the 2015 school year! I hope all members of the Kurnai Learning Community have had a restful break from the school routine and all are ready to get back into working towards their next educational goal.

At Morwell Campus we welcome a number of new staff, all of whom have already made a significant contribution to our college:

Mike Kilroy, a graduate Health and Physical Education teacher steps into the rather large gap left by Sue Reavley and Kim Woods on their retirement at the end of 2014.

Clancy Bennett, who teaches Humanities and English, joins us from a school in Adelaide, but is in fact a local boy from Mirboo North.

Efrosini Pizzi has come to us from Traralgon College. Froso, as she is known, is an experienced teacher of English and Mathematics.

Our music teacher, Chris Gretton, has increased his time fraction and will be teaching Humanities as well.
Congratulations!

We are very proud to let you know that assistant principal, Wayne Bass, was awarded an Order of Australia medal in the Australia Day honours for services to youth, including with Kurnai College’s air cadet program, and the Port Albert Junior Fire Brigade.

The Year Ahead

This is a year of planning for the future as the College develops its Strategic Plan for the next four years. Our Peer Review towards the end 2014 was very positive. Some quotes from the review panel include:

The panel formed the view that the college could not be expected to make greater effort with regard to breadth of provision in endeavouring to cater for individual student needs.

Clearly staff members are proud of the many positive student outcomes that occur, often only made possible by the extra effort and commitment of teachers and support staff alike.

The main message from the review day is clearly ‘congratulations’, with the next step being to go to the next level of differentiated, student centred instruction.

Full text of the Review Report can be obtained by contacting Corine Noblet 5132 3800.

At Morwell Campus, we will be focusing on engaging students in understanding their current level of competence, along with the knowledge of how to take steps to get to the next level. Together with developing persistence, I am confident that all students in the campus will make significant progress.

What is Persistence?

This is about not giving up after the first time or even the second time things don’t go according to plan.

Think about:

- When have you had to persist in your work?
- How do you overcome obstacles and barriers?
- What do you do when Plan A hasn’t worked?
- How do you feel when you have to persist at a task that doesn’t inspire you?
- What behaviours might others see in you when you are persisting in your work?

Second hand Book money

Money from the proceeds of the second hand book stall can be collected from the Morwell Campus at your earliest convenience. If you would like this money to go towards your account please contact the Morwell office.

If you have any queries, please call 5165 0600.
Welcome to Year 7!

The students have settled in really well and are off to a flying start. Students are facing challenges of opening lockers and reading timetables. It has been very pleasing to see students forming new friendships and helping each other out.

A number of pieces of information have gone home with students this week that you should look out for.

School Photos

School photos are forthcoming and students have all received an envelope with information on these.

College Swimming Sports

The College Swimming Carnival is also coming soon. Students must return the permission form to attend. This excursion costs nothing to attend and all students are expected. Permission forms must be returned by the due date or they will not be accepted.

Camp Coolamatong

Year 7 Camp forms have been sent home. The camp is not until term 2, however, deposits are due soon. The small payments are divided throughout the two terms to try to reduce the impact on families and encourage as many students to attend as possible.

Year 7 Surveys

A brief survey has also been sent home with all Year 7 students seeking your feedback about the transition process. Transitioning from Grade 6 to Year 7 is a big change for students and parents and we aim to make that as easy as possible for all involved. Please take the time to return these surveys to let me know what can be improved for next year. It would also be great to know what has been done that you or your child has appreciated along the way and made a big difference to you.

Year 7 BBQ

You will also receive an invitation soon to our Year 7 BBQ. This informal gathering will be at 6pm on the 10th February. It is an opportunity to meet other parents, have your child show you their learning environment, and to meet many of the key teachers involved in your child’s education this year.

If you have questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school or email me at swallow.daniel.d@edumail.vic.gov.au. I’m looking forward to the fantastic year ahead.
Year 8 News

Congratulations to the Year 8’s for a great start to the year! They are engaged in and working well across all of their classes, bringing all of the required equipment to class and they look great in uniform.

Team Building

We are in the process of organising a Team Building excursion for Year 8’s. The permission forms will be sent home next week.

College Swimming Sports

We have the College Swimming Sports on Tuesday 17th February. Students should bring sunscreen, hats and water bottles to stay sun safe and hydrated. Come in your house colours to support your team! Permission forms are due back ASAP.

Immunisations

Immunisation forms have also been sent home and need to be returned to school. Please ensure you return the immunisation card even if your child is not receiving the immunisation.

School Photos

School photos are on Wednesday 18th February. Students are required to be in school uniform and bring their photo order forms with them on the day.

Kurnai College Four Pillars

Engagement: We actively participate in our own learning
Excellence: We do the best that we can do
Work Ethic: We are committed to working hard
Relationships: We value and respect each other
Year 9 News

Welcome back

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Year 9’s back to school. It has been a positive start to the term and it has been lovely to see most students making the right choices about behaviour and looking smart in their correct uniform. If we can achieve and maintain these standards on a regular basis then that would be excellent.

The Year 9 staff this year include myself, Ms M Tomnay, Mr H Sabawi, Mr M Johnston and three new staff Mr C Bennett, Mr Kilroy and Ms E Pizzi.

All Year 9’s need to be reading regularly in order to build vocabulary skills, and to prepare for the forthcoming NAPLAN tests in May. We will also be asking that you all have a book to read during form time and at the starts of English lessons to assist in this process.

There has been lots of information that has gone home with students this week. We have our school swimming sports, immunisation consent forms, school photograph letters and a note about our Year 9 Team building day. If you have any questions about the activities or have not received any of this information please do not hesitate to call me.

A reminder to call our absence hotline 5132 3711 preferably before 9.00 am if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child’s absence is recorded correctly and you don’t receive a phone call from our office.
Year 10 News

Welcome back to Year 10! This will be a very busy year for Year 10’s. It has been great to see most students prepared for their classes in terms of equipment and readiness to learn.

College Swimming Sports & Team Building Day

Swimming Sports are coming up very quickly, and our Team Building day at the Mirboo North pool will be the following week. The Team Building day is a fun day for our Year 10’s together with the Year 10 staff, where we begin to develop good relationships. Please remember to hand in permission forms and $14 as soon as possible in order for these activities to go ahead. We would love to see every student attend the Team Building day.

Work Experience

Work experience is in term 2 from May 11-22. Remember to have conversations about possible careers and think about places where students could do their work experience. The preparation for Work Experience will be undertaken in our Team Time classes. It is vital students attend these classes and use the time provided to arrange their Work Experience placement.

In the classroom

In their core subjects, students are currently learning Financial maths, How to write expositions, Studying Between the Wars and Chemistry.

Students are required to bring a device; charged, to all classes. If you require assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact me on 51650600.

I am looking forward to a successful year.

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Every week staff at Kurnai College identify students who they feel are reflecting the four pillars of Kurnai College and send them a postcard. The pillars are **Relationships, Work Ethic, Excellence and Engagement**.

Congratulations to the following students who received a postcard recently.

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To ensure the smooth organisation and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets, etc, in a timely manner.

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Attendence Officer— Zoe Plumb

Dear Parents and Carers

In order to provide a single point of call for student attendance, from 2015, the College will change from having Campus attendance officers to a College attendance officer. The College is pleased to welcome Zoe Plumb to the role.

This will allow parents and carers to make one phone call regardless of which campus their student/s attend and provide for a better overall view of attendance.

The College attendance line is 03 5132 3711 and can be called at any time to leave a message. Please leave a message with your name, relationship to the student, the student’s name and reason for their absence. We ask that all parents and carers ring before 9:00 am to notify if their student will be away so their absence can be passed on to their teachers.

“In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The nature of the relationship between absence from school and achievement, across all sub-groups of students strongly suggests that every day of attendance in school contributes towards a child’s learning, and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance in school. There is no “safe” threshold.”


Parentline Victoria

13 22 89 - 8am to midnight 7 days a week

- Parentline provides a statewide telephone counselling service to parents and carers of children aged from birth to eighteen years
- Professional counsellors are able to explore a variety of issues that impact on parenting and relationships
- Parentline can provide contact details for community services
- Parentline respects the confidentiality and right to privacy of callers
KURNAI COLLEGE MUSIC

2015

Expression Of Interest

Name of Music teachers and instruments available for students
Joseph Bonnici – Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Voice and Keyboard
Ian Hopkins – Strings
Chris Gretton – Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Voice and Keyboard

Fees
Enrolment – $85
Covers the costs for additional materials given to students - manuscript pad, clear pocket folder, a book related to the instrument, music theory book, as well as transport and maintenance of equipment
Hiring – annual fee
Kurnai College owned Instruments - $100
Costs of actual lessons – FREE

Arrangement of classes and rehearsals
• Classes occur once a week during the school day;
• Length of classes will be 30 minutes;
• Class time rotates every week;
• Classes can be individual or in small group;
• Rehearsals occur once a week either during a class time or after school;
• Length of class time rehearsals will be One hour and will rotate every week;
• Every student that has music classes at Kurnai College will be placed in an ensemble or band of some sought;
• Once a term students will participate in an ALL DAY REHEARSAL. This may be on campus or at another campus to rehearse with other music students.
• Classes and rehearsals are in preparation for performances.

Process
1. The Kurnai College Music Program 2015 Expression Of Interest form must be filled in (Attached). This is an expression of interest only. This form is to be handed in to the General office of the nearest Kurnai College campus at your earliest convenience.
2. Parents will be contacted once form has been received.
3. Parents will be contacted when their child has been successful in attaining a position. The Kurnai College Music Contract will then be issued to the parents. To be successful in attaining a position, parents will have two weeks to submit the Kurnai College Music Contract to the General Office of the students’ enrolled campus. Once appropriate money is finalised, classes will commence.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Bonnici
Head of Music – Kurnai College
Expression of interest form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:

- **Woodwind**
  - Flute
  - Clarinet
  - Bass Clarinet
  - Saxophone

- **Brass**
  - Trumpet/Cornet
  - French Horn
  - Tenor Horn
  - Baritone
  - Trombone
  - Euphonium
  - Tuba

- **Voice**

- **Percussion** (not for hire)
  - Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani.

- **Strings**
  - Guitar
  - Bass Guitar

- **Keyboards**
  - Electric Keyboard / Piano

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College ASAP.

Date: ____________________________ Campus Attending: ________________________________
Student’s Name: ____________________________ Year Level: __________
Instrument wanting to learn: 1. ___________ 2. ___________ 3. ___________
Parent/Guardian’s Names: ____________________________
Home Address: ____________________________________________ Postcode: ________________
Phone No: ____________________________ Phone No: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________________________

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? ____________________________
Do you have your own instrument? _____ If so, what is it? ____________________________

Return to General Office –
to be placed in the pigeon hole of Mr Joseph Bonnici – Head of Music, Kurnai College
SCHOOL NURSING – Term 1 Focus is “Building Healthy Relationships”.

A healthy relationship is based on respect.

Hopefully, you and your significant other are treating each other well. Not sure if that is the case? Take a step back from the dizzying sensation of being swept off your feet and think about whether your relationship has these seven qualities:

- you have fun together
- you both feel like you can be yourself
- you can have different opinions and interests
- you listen to each other
- you trust each other
- you can both compromise, say sorry, and talk arguments out
- you don’t have to spend all of your spare time together - you can spend time on your own, or with your own friends and family.

Jealousy - is this love?

“I thought our relationship was fantastic at first. But now things have started happening that I don't understand. He gets mad at me for wanting to be with my friends. And any time he sees me speaking to any other guy he accuses me of flirting. He says it’s because he loves me.”

Jealousy might seem like a sign of love. But when someone uses anger or jealousy to try to control what you do, or acts like they ‘own’ you, **this isn’t love - it’s control.** You’ve got every right to talk to anyone you want to.

For further help / advice on relationships, visit:
The school welfare team or,

http://kidshealth.org

Headspace Morwell 03 51 368 300
Kid’s Helpline 1800 55 1800
Lifeline 13 11 14
Police 000
GIPPSLAND POWER GOING FOR YOUTH

Gippsland Power is introducing youth skill acquisition sessions to be held over the Term 1 holidays at their ‘Centre of Excellence’ in Morwell. Gippsland Power’s football department recognised the opportunity to provide boys and girls from Under 11 – 13 with professional advice and coaching on basic skill technique, including kicking, hand-balling, marking and game sense. Gippsland Power Talent Manager, Peter Francis offered that, “With an emphasis on fun and learning correct technique, boys and girls can come along and be coached by people with AFL experience and some of the Gippsland Power boys from the Under 18’s and have a great day”. Coaching the future stars on the day will be, current Power coach, Leigh Brown, a 246 game champion who is one of only two players to register 50 games for three teams. Brown is a 2010 Collingwood premiership player. Joining Leigh Brown is Peter Francis, Gippsland Power coach from 1995 - 2000. Francis played 158 games for Carlton (1979 Premiership), Fitzroy, Richmond and Essendon and is the current Talent Manager at the club. Several of the Under 18 boys will be on hand to help the young players to develop their skills and playing confidence. Anybody interested should go to the club website at [http://gippslandpower.aflvic.com.au](http://gippslandpower.aflvic.com.au) or call the club directly on 5134 8133. Registrations close on Friday 27 March. This event will be filled quickly so get registered for a day of fantastic footy fun.

GIPPSLAND POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

Will be holding Under 11 and 13 Fitness and Skill acquisition days at the Gippsland Power Centre Of Excellence Morwell Football Ground, Travers Street, Morwell

Features
- Elite Coaching
- Skill Acquisition
- Fitness Testing
- Skill Testing
- Pathway Brief
- Training Session

JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAM
Under 11 Monday 30th March 2015
Under 13 Tuesday 31st March 2015
(Numbers will be capped)

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm
Cost: $100.00 For registrations please contact the Gippsland Power Football Club office on 5134 8133

*Registrations close on Friday March 27th*
Homestay/Host families provide an authentic, safe environment for 15 – 18 year old overseas students, coming to Australia, for study.

Homestay families are paid a fee to cover weekly food and utility costs. Students’ stays can vary from one year to three years.

If you, friends or family are interested and would like further information please contact Geoff Block or Corine Noblet at Kurnai College on (03) 5132 3800.
Korumburra Show
SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2015

Battle of the Bands

ENTRIES REQUIRED
CLOSING 9TH FEBRUARY

SCHOOL BANDS COMMENCING AT 4.00PM
FOLLOWED BY OPEN CLASS

1st prize for both School band and Open band $500
2nd prize for Open band only $100 Parry’s Gift voucher

AT THE KORUMBURRA SHOW GROUNDS
SOUTH GIPPSLAND HWY. KORUMBURRA
FOR FURTHER DETAILS
and for the
APPLICATION FORMS and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY
REFER THE KORUMBURRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTION INC. Website
www.korumburracommunity.org.au
Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

Dear Brett Coad,

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27246’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22504’

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 232 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards

Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation
Lifeline Gippsland have a large quantity of quality ring folders.

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29 January 2015

Kurnai College

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Football training for Morwell East Football & Netball Club Under 18’s and Under 16’s will commence on Monday 9 February at 5pm.

The club is confident of a successful year for our junior football teams following on from last year. We have a great coaching panel in place headed up by Rob Semmler in the Under 18’s and Mick O’Brien in the Under 16’s. Both these coaches have vast senior football experience and have great assistant coaches in Brad Gibson and Daryl Heam.

It costs just $50 to play and all junior footballers will receive a club polo top and pair of shorts when they pay their registration fee.

As well as this we can also offer half price driving lessons through our club sponsor, as well as having twenty free driving lessons to give away throughout the season.

So take advantage of this great offer and jump on board, for any further information please contact one of the people listed below

Contact phone numbers are:

President          David Evans    0400 731 351
Senior Coach       Colin King     0437 094 034
Under 18 Coach     Rob Semmler    0438 418 397
Under 16 Coach     Mick O’Brien   0417 460 462